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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the application of:

Leigh Richardson

For: A SELF-LATCHING DEVICEPRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box New Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment for the present patent application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

After the title, please insert the following:

--The present patent application is a non-provisional of International Application
No. PCT/NZ03/00241, filed October 24, 2004.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) A sash latch device of a self-latching type including a primary bolt for, in use, engagement with a strike, the primary bolt being coupled to an operating element whereby the primary bolt is moveable from a latching position to a retracted position, retaining means to retain the primary bolt in the retracted